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Staff meeting.

I talked to Wilson Compton about IIA matters.

I was host at luncheon today at Blair House for Prince Faisal, second son of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and Foreign Minister of his country. He is an attractive man of, I should think, about 50.

He was extremely forthright, and almost belligerent, regarding the emphasis placed in American foreign policy on European matters to the detriment of an equal interest in Middle Eastern affairs.

Second, he said our policy regarding the Jews had been a terrible mistake since we had always favored Israel over the Arabs and this was deeply resented in the Arab world.

Third, he thought we had supported French colonialism in Tunisia and Morocco, and thwarted the attempts of the Asian-Arab countries to bring about the independence of the two protectorates to which their peoples were fully entitled.

Fourth, we trailed along with the British in whatever British policy was in spite of our since having some standing in the Arab world which the British no longer had.

Jernegan and myself at various times tried to explain some of the reasons for our policy and to controvert his assertions. However, he was pretty well worked up, although courteous.

Jimmy Dunn came to see me this afternoon and told me of his recent conversation with Foster Dulles.

He has accepted the post in Spain.

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Roger Makins, who has just arrived here to replace Oliver Franks as British Ambassador, came to see me with Sir Christopher Steel.

Tonight I attended the President's dinner for the Little Cabinet. There were about fifty present, it was given in the big dining room of the White House. I sat on the President's right, and had an agreeable conversation with him. He said at the conclusion of dinner he was going to tell me a top secret which I was never to mention until it appeared publicly.

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